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In re Application of :  
PETERS et al. :  
Application No.: 10/588,639 : NOTIFICATION  
PCT No.: PCT/IB2004/052404 :  
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Attorney Docket No.: DE030396US :  
For: TEXT SEGMENTATION AND TOPIC :  
ANNOTATION FOR DOCUMENT STRUCTURING :

This notification is in response to applicant's submission filed 22 January 2007.

**BACKGROUND**

On 12 November 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/IB2004/052404 which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 21 November 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 02 June 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 22 May 2006 (21 May 2006 being a Sunday).

On 07 August 2006, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee, a declaration of inventors, and a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application.

On 22 November 2006, a decision was mailed granting applicants' petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b). The decision also indicated that the declaration of inventors filed 07 August 2006 was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) because the declaration included three page twos. It was noted that each declaration must be complete in and of itself and that a new declaration was required.

On 22 January 2007, applicants filed the instant submission which was accompanied by three declarations of inventors.

**DISCUSSION**

The declaration signed by inventor Dietrich Klakow (inventor 203) is not sufficient because it contains non-initialed alterations. (In the signature blocks, “203” has been changed to –204– and “204” has been changed to –203–.) 37 CFR 1.52(c). “The Office will not consider whether noninitialed and or nondated alterations were made before or after signing of the oath or declaration but will require a new oath or declaration.” MPEP § 605.04(a). Item I.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant is hereby given the time limit of **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this communication in order to file a proper oath or declaration. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are available.

**Failure to timely file a proper response to this decision in a timely manner will result in abandonment of the application with regards to national stage prosecution in the United States.**

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